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Beale Airmen assist B-52 crew

By Airman 1st Class
George Cloutier
9th RW Public Affairs

Members of Team Beale came together in a tremendous effort Nov. 30, resulting in the quick resolution of a serious situation involving a B-52 in distress over the Pacific Ocean.

After missing a scheduled refueling, a B-52 out of Barksdale AFB, La. was forced to make an emergency landing at Beale AFB due to low fuel levels, at a time when flying at Beale had stopped for the evening and most of Team Beale was fast asleep.

"At around 11:30 at

night, I got a call from my squadron leadership saying we've got a B-52 with an in-flight emergency and we need to open the air field within 30 minutes or as fast as possible," said Capt. Monty Harshner, 9th Operations Support Squadron Airfield Operations Flight commander. "We didn't have anybody strictly on standby because of crew rest requirements, so we recalled airfield management personnel and qualified controllers who live on, or close, to Beale."

While the recalled personnel began procedures to open up the air field, the

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(Left to right) Capt. David Leaumont, B-52 radar navigator, Maj. Harry Dyson, B-52 commander, 1st Lt. Ben Smith, B-52 co-pilot and 1st Lt. Kyle Holt, B-52 navigator along with three other crew members landed at Beale Nov. 30 under emergency conditions. (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)

EOD troops receive bronze star

By Airman 1st Class Robert Biermann
9th RW Public Affairs

Two Beale Airmen were presented the Bronze Star on Dec. 1 at the flightline fire station, for their actions while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Tech. Sgt. Jacob Smith II, and Staff Sgt. Garth Muentner were awarded the medal for exceptional conduct while serving as Explosive Ordnance Disposal team leaders. At the time of the engagement they were assigned to the 332nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, Logistic Support Area in Anaconda, Iraq, from January to June 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"While engaged in ground combat operations against an opposing armed enemy force, Sergeant Smith operated as team leader responsible for the successful completion of 55 EOD missions, including seven unexploded ordnance missions as a result of indirect fire attacks on Logistic Support Area Anaconda," said Capt. Peter Weld, 332nd EOD flight commander from McConnell AFB, Kan. "His team conducted a search for a hidden mortar launch tube that was responsible for attacks against the base. Sergeant Smith maneuvered with the assault team to the launch tube. He cleared the site of entrapment devices and destroyed the 500-pound 122-millimeter mortar launch sys-

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8th AF Command Chief visits Beale

By Airman 1st Class
George Cloutier
9th RW Public Affairs

The 8th Air Force Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Todd Kabalan, visited Beale Nov. 28 through Dec. 1 in his first ever tour of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing.

Chief Kabalan, who recently took command as the 8th Air Force command chief

in October, spent his time at Beale getting an in-depth look at the mission of the 9th RW and its associate units, as well as meeting with Team Beale members and senior leadership.

"As the new 8th Air Force command chief I thought it was important to come out here and see how the 9th Reconnaissance Wing fits into

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OPEN LINE



The Open Line is your direct line to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander. The Open Line is used to ask questions, make suggestions, or give thanks for a job well done. The most efficient way to solve an issue is to work through the relevant office and use the chain of command. If you are unable to resolve the issue, or are not satisfied with the response, call the Open Line. If

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Brig. Gen. H. D. Pumbo, Jr. is the 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander at Beale. (Photo by John Schwab)

The Wingman Concept: A different angle

By Lt. Col. David Russell
99th Reconnaissance Squadron
commander

We often discuss what it means to be a good wingman, but the other part of every formation is the lead. As a 2nd Lieutenant, I was a T-38 instructor pilot, teaching other lieutenants to fly. Teaching my students the basics when flying wing was critical. It built skills that were the foundation of formation flying.

As a wingman, you look after your leader. You not only provide mutual support, you also keep him or her from doing something that could hurt themselves or the formation. That tends to be the area we address most often.

Most students adapted to wingman duties pretty easily. When students had to take over as lead, it became more difficult. Lead must supervise all the members of the formation while planning what to do next. Your wingmen have contracts to you like staying in position, and protecting you. As lead, you are responsible for the entire formation. Making sure you don't task your wingmen beyond their capabilities was one of the hardest skills to master for students. They could fly on the wing just fine, but adding the responsibility

of looking after their wingman was sometimes a real challenge.

That is where the instructor's role was critical. They had to teach their students techniques to not only make themselves successful, but also make their wingmen successful to make the whole formation perform better. On the ground, the instructors for tomorrow's "leads" are shop chiefs, superintendents, Officers-In-Charge and commanders. It is our responsibility as leaders to develop our wingmen so they can take over for us. We need to ensure our unit will not fail simply because we aren't there.

You don't just jump in and become lead. You have to develop your skills as wing, then earn the right to lead. Just as there are skills to master flying as lead, there are other skills you need to become a leader. If you are enlisted, you must complete your upgrade training and reach career milestones to become fully qualified in your career field. Officers must go through upgrades as well. Everyone, officer and enlisted alike have professional education programs to complete. Just doing your CDCs and getting your developmental education courses completed will not make you a leader - those are your wingman skills. To become "lead" some-

one must teach you the skills you need.

Being a good lead requires setting the example, upholding standards, and critiquing performance - in flight and after. Telling your newest wingman they were out of position, or needs to shine their boots is easy. Debriefing your most seasoned wingman on the same is more difficult. That is where you as lead can make the biggest difference. Feedback to your wingmen is where the leads of tomorrow learn. How you instruct is how your Airmen will develop tomorrow's Air Force.

Failing to offer feedback is one of the worst things we can do as leaders in developing our Airmen. Take the extra time to not only congratulate successes, but critique and correct performance to achieve Excellence. While we are constantly bombarding our Airmen to be good wingmen, to look out for each other, to protect them-sometimes from themselves, we must also be good leads. As leaders, we must hold the line, presenting ourselves as examples we would want our wingmen to follow, as well as teaching them how to one day become leaders themselves. We don't want squadrons, groups, or wings that only have wingmen - we need leaders too! That is the Air Force legacy we will leave behind.

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Sortie Update			
as of Dec. 5			
	1st RS	99th RS	
Aircraft	U-2	T-38	U-2
Goal	59	180	120
Flown	7	41	16
Ahead/Behind	0	19	2

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distressed B-52 and crew circled overhead, 24,000 feet above the field.

"On the way coming back in over the coastline, we were a little low on gas," said Maj. Harry Dyson, 96th Bomb Squadron B-52 aircraft commander. "We were supposed to meet with a KC-10 over the Pacific."

The B-52 and crew rendezvoused with the tanker, however due to a maintenance malfunction on the KC-10, the bomber wasn't able to get the fuel they needed to continue their mission.

"We didn't have enough gas to get home, and the bases that we were talking to closer to home were closed and unable to open," Major Dyson said. "In the midst of all that, we narrowed it down to two options, Beale and Travis Air Force Base."

Though Travis was open, the runway at Travis was not suitable for the B-52. Beale's flight line was closed at the time; however, due to Beale's past mission as a bomber base, it had a flight line that could easily accommodate a B-52.

"When we notified Beale's command post, they rallied the troops, got everybody up and awake and out here to turn on the lights and got the tower up and running," the major said.

With the decisive action of the recalled personnel, the airfield was cleared and the B-52 crew was given permission to land. After the plane safely touched down, Beale emergency responders met with the crew and quickly assessed that there was no immediate danger. One problem they did encounter how-

ever was accommodating the needs of an aircraft much larger than they were used to dealing with.

"We didn't have chocks or fuel readily available, so the air field management folks and myself had to swing him around on bravo taxiway," Captain Harshner said. "We found some chocks we borrowed from the 940th and we started putting together a list of their requirements."

The 940th Air Refueling Wing, an Air Force Reserves tenant unit at Beale, who has their own KC-135 mission, contributed equipment as well as expertise to the situation at hand.

"With their background as former B-52 crew chiefs, Senior Master Sgt. John Erwin, of the 940th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and Master Sgt. Arnulfo Cervantes of the 940th Maintenance Squadron, pitched in to help," said Maj. Robert Cousebaker, public affairs officer for the 940th ARW.

Due to the dedication and decisive action of a small group of individuals from Beale, seven B-52 crew members were saved from a potentially disastrous situation. Over the course of the following day, the plane and crew's requirements were attended to and the plane departed back to Barksdale that evening.

"Beale AFB is a key West Coast Air Force installation, capable of recovering all types of aircraft, day or night, with only a moment's notice," said Col. Domenick Eanniello, 9th Reconnaissance Wing vice commander. "This is truly a success story for Beale and the local community."



New Readiness badge

The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight received their new functional area badge Dec. 1 at the flightline fire station. Col. John Borland, 9th Mission Support Group commander, presented the 13 Airmen with their badges. (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)

WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

Airman 1st Class Casey Hamann

Unit: 9th Contracting Squadron

Job: Contract administrator

Hometown: Dunedin, Fla.

Air Force goals: To make senior airman Below The Zone and to obtain my bachelor's degree

Time in the Air Force: One year

and five months

Hobbies: Spend time with my family and friends and play fantasy football

The thing I like best about Beale

AFB: The weather and its central location



Airman 1st Class Casey Hamann, 9th Contracting Squadron contracting specialist, inspects a recent contracting job alongside Nancy Roberts, Airman and Family Readiness Center director. (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)

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Flying solo

Brig. Gen. H. D. Polumbo, Jr., 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander, celebrates after completing his first U-2 solo flight Dec. 1. (Photo by John Schwab)

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tem in place. Sergeant Smith reduced the enemy's ability to conduct assaults against LSA Anaconda and eliminated explosive hazards to 25,000 personnel on base."

Sergeant Smith orchestrated the disarming of 33 roadside Improvised Explosive Devices, during which he destroyed 65 deadly ordnance items without collateral damage. He directed the robotic disassembly of a roadside IED which constricted vehicle movement. When the robot's fiber-optic tether became entangled, he employed a secondary robot; which began acting erratically and became unusable.

Sergeant Smith donned a bomb suit and made a last resort manual entry to within 25 feet of the IED, where he untangled the fiber-optic cable from the robot wheels and re-attached the device with the now operational robot.

Once the primary IED was rendered safe, Sergeant Smith carefully hand-probed the emplacement, where he discovered a buried entrapment device. Sergeant Smith's actions allowed the restored robot to successfully dispose of the hidden ordnance, averted potential loss of life, and opened the supply route to LSA Anaconda, according to Captain Weld.

"It's an honor to be awarded with such a prestigious medal," said Sergeant Smith. "It highlights my 15 years of service to our country in the Air Force and the EOD career field."

"Sergeant Muentner directed the successful recovery of eight roadside bomb initiation systems. Sergeant Muentner led the off-base response to a report of two rockets wired to a timer and aimed directly at LSA Anaconda," Captain Weld

said. "After he quickly assessed the situation and condition of the ordnance, he performed render safe procedures on the two rockets. He directed site security and ensured the safety of all personnel throughout the operation. His timely actions prevented the rockets from being fired at LSA Anaconda or being used in IEDs."

Sergeant Muentner repaired battle damaged robots, on 89 separate occasions. He overcame a logistics nightmare to ensure the mission capability of \$4.8 million worth of EOD robots protecting LSA Anaconda and six separate Forward Operating Bases.

When depot-level repair was warranted, he shuffled fully mission capable systems with non-mission capable robotics. Sergeant Muentner's abilities ensured the safety of 38 EOD operators on over 500 IED related missions. His actions ensured the fleet of 36 robots was able to meet the needs of combatant commanders in the field, and kept the supply arteries open, according to Captain Weld.

"It is a privilege to receive such a distinguished medal while serving my country," said Sergeant Muentner.

The Bronze Star is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the military of the United States after Dec. 6, 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

Patriot Family joins Beale BX for '06 Holiday Tree

*By Theresa Weir
Army and Air Force Exchange Service*

Beale AFB Exchange - For the third consecutive year, AAFES exchanges around the world are unifying to support the military community through its Patriot Family Holiday Tree campaign.

Beale Exchange shoppers, family members and friends are encouraged to visit the BX to show their support for deployed Airmen by writing encouraging messages or displaying photos on a holiday tree.

"This effort is just another example of how AAFES

strives to make the experience of being away from loved ones during the holidays a little more bearable for our troops," said the BX's General Manager, Doug Vasalech. "The positive messages and photos are sure to bolster the spirits of troops in war zones as well as families minding home fronts."

Patriot Family Holiday Tree ornaments will be forwarded downrange to one of AAFES' 58 contingency locations in Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

Conversely, ornaments completed downrange will be sent back for display in PXs and BXs throughout the

United States.

In addition to the opportunity to place an ornament on the tree, the Beale AFB Exchange BX is also offering shoppers who participate in this campaign a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate, to be awarded on Dec. 24.

"Not only will those who participate be doing something nice, but they may end up rewarding themselves with a \$200 gift certificate," said Vasalech.

The Patriot Family Holiday Tree will be displayed throughout the holiday season.

Personnel with exchange privileges can find out more by calling the BX at 788-0221.

***Planning a vacation? Need to get away?
visit <http://www.afvclub.com>***

Community Briefs

Flu shots

Flu shots are now only available for children under three years old and pregnant women.

Flu shots will be available to the remainder of the base populace at a later time.

For more information, call the Immunizations Clinic at 634-4740.

BOSC craft bazaar

The Beale Officers' Spouses' Club's free Olde Tyme Christmas Craft Bazaar is scheduled for Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Recce Point Club. Dinner will follow the event. The cost is \$15 for non-members and \$13 for members. Vendors are still needed and booths are free. For more information, call Amanda Jones at 788-9044.

Holiday decorations guidance

During holiday seasons base housing residents may want to decorate their homes. In order to prevent damage to homes, housing residents are reminded to use clips and ties to secure holiday decorations. Do not use nails, screws or staples to secure decorations to any part of the exterior of the home. Decorations must not be placed on the roof. To con-

serve energy, holiday lights must be turned off no later than 11:30 p.m. All decorations must be removed no later than Jan. 8.

Cookie Crunch

The Airmen's Cookie Crunch is scheduled for Friday. Cookie donations or holiday candy can be dropped off from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Contrails Inn Dining Facility. Please place donations in a disposable container. For more information, call Angie Russell at 788-7731.

Administrative support flight reorganization

Individuals visiting the Administrative Support Flight for assistance with passenger travel, personal property, awards and decorations, right start and sponsorship and technical orders and publications should be aware that these individuals have reorganized within the office. Phone numbers remain the same but personal property and passenger travel staff have relocated from the counters in the lobby to Room 118 towards the back. The awards and decorations, right start and sponsorship and technical orders and publications staff have moved from

Room 118 into the counter area in the lobby. For more information, call Bill Hoerman at 634-5134.

Free Christmas trees

Green Acres Nursery and Supply in Roseville is honoring families of deployed servicemembers with free Christmas trees this holiday season. Active-duty military families with a deployed member can visit the nursery at 901 Galleria Boulevard in Roseville and pick out a tree free of charge. Green Acres Nursery and Supply's selection includes Douglas and Noble Firs ranging from five to 10 feet tall. For more information, call Tawny Snelgrove or Kevin Bell at 916-782-2273 or e-mail gillamonster01@aol.com.

Supply and Material Management

For supply concerns, call Material Management on Block I, II, III concerns. Block III training will be taught by Michael Garcia and not CBT. To schedule classes for new equipment custodians call Mr. Garcia at 634-4661. On blocks I and II, Zero Overpricing, and material management procedures, call Debbie Schweitz at 634-2453.

Project C.H.E.E.R.

The 9th Services Squadron Project C.H.E.E.R. is now underway. This program involves Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation.

Many free and discounted activities will be available to all, especially families of deployed servicemembers and young, newly arrived Airmen. Many instant prizes will be given away. For more information on Project C.H.E.E.R. visit <http://www.bealeservices.com> or call Services Marketing at 634-5407.

AFSA meeting

The next Air Force Sergeant's Association meeting is scheduled for Dec. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center ballroom. Annual elections will be held and all voting members are encouraged to attend.

A drawing will be conducted for a free AFSA polo shirt and one-year membership. For more information, call Master Sgt. Roger Barnett at 634-8308.

Housing office closure

The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Office will close at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 19. For immediate assistance, call

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the 9th CES Service Call Desk at 634-2604. Chugach Housing Maintenance will have normal business hours for housing maintenance issues or service calls. They can be reached at 788-0241.

Holiday chapel hours

Immaculate conception Mass is today at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Advent Penance service is Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Family Christmas Mass is Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Christmas Eve candlelight Service is Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Christmas midnight Mass is Dec. 25 at the Foothills chapel.

Watch Night Service is Dec. 31 at 11 p.m. the Valley chapel.

Girl Scouts volunteers

Girl Scouts of Tierra del Oro, the Beale service unit, is in need of adult volunteers. For detailed position descriptions or for more information, call Tonia McCall at (800) 322-4475, extension 2792

Santa Cop

The 9th Security Forces Squadron Booster Club will conduct their annual Santa Cop fundraiser Wednesday from

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Interested individuals may call 9th SFS at 634-2345 to request an individual to be placed under simulated arrest. The individual will be transported to the 9th SFS North Pole Jail where they will be detained and later released under their own recognizance. Arrest donations are \$20 for the first half-hour of jail time, and \$10 for each additional 15 minutes. The maximum sentence is two hours. Half of the proceeds go to the 9th SFS Booster Club, and the other half is donated to Operation Warmheart. Photography and videotaping are welcome.

Easy money at AAFES

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has begun its annual community gift wrap program to help squadrons raise money. AAFES supplies the space, gift wrap, tape, ribbons and name tags. Squadrons supply people to man the table, wrap gifts for donations and keep 100 percent of donations. Dates are available now through Dec. 24 during normal store hours. For more information or to sign up, e-mail Mark Sheppard at shepparm@aafes.com. Civilian organizations are not available to participate.

Beale Little League

Beale Little League is currently looking for volunteers to help fill positions on

the Little League Board. For more information, call Master Sgt. William Crawley at 634-2121.

Air National Guard part-time vacancies

The Alabama Air National Guard units in Montgomery, Ala., have many open part-time vacancies. For more information, call Master Sgt. Vonsetta Love at DSN 358-9191 or 334-394-7190 or e-mail at vonsetta.love@almon.ang.af.mil.

High Flyer classifieds

Military members can place classified ads in the High Flyer by visiting <http://highflyer.theunion.com/classifieds> and following the instructions. The deadline for submitting classifieds is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. for the following Friday's edition.

Job openings

The 106th Maintenance Group in Westhampton Beach, New York, has several full-time and part-time job opening to be filled, including aircraft fuels, life support and sheet metal. For more information, call Col. Robert Landsiedel at DSN 456-7497 or 631-723-7497.

Firing range safety

The base firing range, located north-

east of the intersection of Warren Shingle Boulevard and Doolittle Drive, as well as the machine gun range located adjacent to Miller Lake are designated as no trespassing areas. When the red flag is flying or the red beacon is flashing at the base firing range, Friskey Lake is off limits. When the red flag is flying and the barriers are up adjacent to Doolittle Drive and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal range, the machine gun range and Miller Lake are off limits. Entering into these areas for other than official business is illegal and extremely dangerous due to gunfire. For more information, call combat arms at 634-2876 or the law enforcement desk at 634-2131.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's attic is still taking donations of items that are in good condition.

Specifically there are families in need of washers and dryers. For more information or to donate, call 634-5640 or 788-2993. To donate large items please call to arrange for a delivery time. The attic holds an All Ranks Day once a month for Airmen of all ranks. The attic is open Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Beale Thrift Shop

The Beale Thrift Shop is currently
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taking fall, winter and holiday donations and consignments.

Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from sales go to the Beale Officers' Spouses' Club's charitable fund used for scholarships and community donations. The shop is located at 6201 B St. in the Omni parking lot across from the commissary. For more information, call 788-1892.

Vehicle decals

As a reminder, 2006 base vehicle decals will expire Dec. 31.

To renew a registration, please provide a current proof of insurance, military identification and a valid state driver's license. Also, an out-of-state vehicle may need to pass a California emissions test prior to renewal.

For more information, call Nicole Lytle at 634-3143.

Deadline for submissions

The deadline for submissions to the High Flyer is Friday the week prior to the desired publication date.

Submissions are printed on a space available basis. Submissions after the deadline will not be published until the following week. News briefs will run for no more than three consecutive weeks.

For questions or more information, call 634-8887.

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for Babies is scheduled for Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

This free class is open to all ranks and provides tips on prenatal care, financial expectations, and avoiding frauds targeting new parents. Attendees must arrange their own childcare. For more information, call 634-2863.

Fresh fruit and vegetables

The Foothills chapel in housing provides free fresh fruit and vegetables to all active-duty military families every Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A paper or plastic bag is needed to carry items.

For more information, call the chapel at 634-4701.

Breastfeeding support group

A free breast feeding support group is open to all women Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Foothills Chapel. For more information, call Julie Mathews at 788-7660.

Wingman training

Wingman training is scheduled for Tuesday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

For more information or to register,

call the center at 634-2863.

BAADD volunteers

Beale Airmen Against Drunk Driving is always looking for new volunteers. For more information about the program or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Jason Sikorski at 634-5945 or speak with your first sergeant.

Discover

The Education Center now has a computer-based career planning program available for individuals trying to decide on a career path, planning further education or transitioning out of military service. For more information, call Education Center at 634-2525.

NAF openings

The below Non Appropriated Fund positions are available.

Cashier, checker, cook, waiter and food service worker - Recce Point Club

Child development program assistant - Child Development Center.

Food assistant program monitor - Family Child Care

Custodial worker supervisor - Lodging

Custodial worker - Youth Center

Cashier, checker and custodial worker - Beale Lanes

For more information, call 634-2316.

Certification programs

The Community College of the Air Force has an Airframe and Power Plant certification program.

Technicians who have cross-trained out of aircraft maintenance AFSCs are eligible for the certification program provided the technician possessed a 7-skill level in the aircraft maintenance AFSC prior to cross-training and has not been out of the aircraft maintenance AFSC for more than two years.

Technicians may enroll in the program and begin training once they have been awarded their 5-skill level.

For more information, visit www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/student.htm.

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Continuing education is offered by AFIT's- School of Systems and Logistics, <http://www.afit.edu/is>, and The Civil Engineer and Services School, <http://www.afit.edu/cess>.

Master's and doctoral degrees are offered in numerous areas by the Graduate School of Engineering and Management, <http://www.afit.edu/en>.

For more information, call the Education Center at 634-2525.

Foothills Chapel

*15001 Camp Beale Highway
(Family housing area)*

Protestant "Praise" worship service
Sundays, 9 a.m.

(includes "Parents' Nursery" and
children's church)

Catholic Mass

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Catholic Reconciliation

Sundays, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Catholic daily Mass

Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Valley Chapel

6199 C St. (Main base)

Islamic worship

Every other Friday, 1 p.m.

Gospel Protestant worship service

Sundays, 11 a.m.

(includes children's church)

Protestant Programs: Sunday School (10:30 a.m.) at Lone Tree Elementary. AWANA on Mondays and JV-Varsity on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. at Foothills Chapel. Protestant Youth meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley Chapel and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Foothills Chapel.

Protestant Bible Study Groups: Men - Second & fourth Sunday, Valley, 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Valley, 7 p.m. Women - Tuesday, 9-11 a.m. Foothills (children welcome) Thursday, 6:45 to 8 p.m., Valley.

Catholic Programs: Religious Education - preschool-12, Sundays 9 a.m. at Lone Tree Elementary School. RCIA, Catholic Youth, CWOC, CMOC and Adult Bible Study call Leila at 634-4707.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers): Second & fourth Thursdays at Foothills Chapel.

Questions concerning marriages, baptisms, choirs, Navigators, and Officer Christian Fellowship can be directed to the chapel staff at 634-4701.

Beale Bijou

634-2521



Friday evening
Idlewild
(R)

Andre Benjamin, Macy Gray

Set against the backdrop of a 1930s southern speakeasy, Percival, a shy piano player, and Rooster, the club's showy lead performer and manager, struggle to keep their dreams alive.

Saturday evening
No Movie



Wednesday evening
Lady in the Water
(PG-13)

Paul Giamatti, Jeffrey Wright

Apartment building superintendent Cleveland Heep rescues what he thinks is a young woman from the pool he maintains. When he discovers that she is actually a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the journey back to her home, he works with his tenants to protect his new friend from the creatures that are determined to keep her in our world.

Upcoming movie events:

Friday, Dec. 8 - No movie

Saturday, Dec. 9 - No movie

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - The Wicker Man

Movies are being shown at the Community Center as the Beale Bijou undergoes renovations. Evening movies play at 6 p.m. unless otherwise specified. The cost is free. For more information, call 634-3165.



Story time with grandpa

Ch. (Lt. Col.) Jimmy "Grandpa" Browning, 9th Reconnaissance Wing chaplain, reads Kylie Tucker, Raven Sandoval and Michael Griego a story about the origins of the candy cane and Christmas tree during a skit Sunday before the annual Christmas tree and nativity lighting at the Foothills Chapel in base housing. (Photo by Airman 1st Class James Peacock)



Recce Challenge

(Left) Airman 1st Class Terrell Pretlow, 9th Civil Engineer Squadron, goes the distance during the Recce Challenge 10K on Nov. 30.

(Above) Over 50 9th CES "Rhinos" participated in the Recce Challenge. (Photos by Tammy Berard)

9th SVS Youth Center receives excellence award

By Mike Popke
Athletic Business

Editor's note: The below article was printed in the 7th annual Excellence in Youth Sports Awards booklet presented by the National Alliance for Youth Sports and Athletic Business Magazine.

Beale's Youth Center was present-

ed the Excellence in Youth Sports Award Nov. 16 at the Athletic Business Conference held at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Nev.

During the past year, administrators at the Youth Center have found new ways of relying on technology to make programs safer, more popular and more effective.

First, they implemented a new

background check system for volunteer coaches that provides three-day turnarounds - a far cry from the previous process, which sometimes took up to six months. Youth center employees receive online reports that can be printed and stored in coaches' files.

Meanwhile, the Air Force's new voluntary program, FitFactor, encourages six to 18-year-olds to track their physical activity on the Internet in exchange for incentive awards.

And as long as the kids were already using the web, Beale administrators reasoned, why not encourage them to seek other healthy activity ideas in cyberspace?

Enter the controversial decision to create a Beale AFB Youth Center page on MySpace.com (<http://www.myspace.com/bealeyouthcenter>), the popular online community that allows users to promote themselves by sharing photos, journal entries and streaming videos. Because the portal's primary users are youths, however, MySpace.com also has become a haven for sexual predators.

"We were kind of leery about it," admits Jeanene Graves, Youth Center youth sports and fitness administrator. "But we have employees who are involved in church-run youth programs, and they use MySpace and say that it works really well. If the site is monitored - and the kids using

it are monitored - it can be a safe and effective tool."

Graves requires all parents to sign a permission slip before their children (ages 14 and up) register as MySpace users, and an adult employee monitors computer usage inside the youth center, limiting MySpace access to Beale content only.

Two teen groups work with the adult monitor to oversee the center's MySpace page and help younger kids navigate the FitFactor pages.

Additionally, the center offers programming that Graves says enhances its existing offerings, including coaches' training through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association, father daughter dinner-dances, an annual family picnic and a new triathlon challenge modeled after one of the base's adult programs. The youth center also recently became a member of USA Track and Field.

"We're just trying to offer things that will get kids interested," Graves says. "The sports element will always be there, but we want to attract other kids who may not be comfortable on a sports field. Our kids have parents who are deployed, and they often move every two or three years and are thrown into new school and peer settings. Life is not very stable for them, so we try to provide the stability."

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Scott Thompson, 9th Services Squadron Family Member Programs flight chief, Sue Galmish, Youth Center director and Jeanene Graves, Youth Center youth sports and fitness administrator, are presented the Excellence in Youth Sports Award Nov. 16, from Terry Bradshaw, 2006 National Alliance for Youth Sports and Athletic Business Conference guest speaker. (Courtesy photo)

Civilians voluntarily deploy to Middle East

DALLAS - While most Americans plan to spend the next few weeks eating, shopping and generally having a great time with friends and family, many Department of Defense civilians will be leaving their homes and families for 6- to 12 month voluntary deployments to support Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post and Base Exchanges throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Friends for more than 25 years, Graphic Designers Gloria Michael and Kelly Northcutt have talked about deploying to live and work with the troops. With Michael getting closer to retirement, the two friends who live only six houses away from each other in Red Oak, Texas, decided now was the time to travel more than 7,000 miles to support troops half a world away.

Considering it will be her first time to travel outside the United States, Michael is understandably anxious.

"I'm a bit nervous because I haven't traveled a whole lot, but it is important that I take my support to our Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines on the

front lines before I retire."

With an itinerary that calls for the two "battle buddies" to depart for the Middle East on Dec. 17, both Michael and Northcutt are coming to terms with the fact that this upcoming holiday season will be their first away from spouses, children and grandchildren.

"We made the most out of Thanksgiving and loaded up on holiday cheer," said Northcutt. "Hopefully, we can take some of that warmth and caring we shared to our troops in Iraq or Afghanistan."

While Northcutt and Michael prepare for their first deployment, some civilians, like Kadena AB Burger King Manager Marjorie Granvle, will be re-deploying this month. A 13-year AAFES associate, Granvle's last deployment to Bosnia in 2000 was so rewarding that she signed up to spend the first half of 2007 with troops in the desert.

A wife and mother of two who has served the Armed Forces from Edwards AFB, Calif. to her current position in Okinawa, Granvle says her family is supportive of her decision to redeploy. "They are sad

to see me leave, but with the faith, love and support that we share in our hearts, we will be together for the holidays. This is my opportunity to support the troops and my country."

Currently, there are more than 450 volunteer AAFES associates like Granvle, Michael and Northcutt deployed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. To date, 1,800 AAFES civilians have deployed to provide comfort items and necessities in combat and contingency locations. Service members depend on the PX/BX facilities these associates support for day-to-day health and comfort items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, snacks, beverages and entertainment items.

The merchandise assortment in the deployed environments typically includes basic health and hygiene items and snacks. Over time, that assortment is expanded to other items needed and requested by troops downrange. Today, AAFES stocks electronics, magazines, DVDs and even small appliances at its 58 PX/BX locations scattered throughout the contingency theater.

Iraqi Army graduates first sniper class

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
MNSTC-I Public Affairs

Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson, 9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs, is deployed to Baghdad and reports on the performance and training of the Iraqi Security Forces for Multi-National Security Transition Command, Iraq.

BESMAYA RANGE - The Iraqi Army recently expanded its advanced marksmanship course to give their military a much-needed asset in the battle for the streets of Iraq's cities - highly capable and lethal Iraqi snipers.

After nearly seven weeks of training at Besmaya range, 30 kilometers east of Baghdad, seven Iraqi Soldiers graduated from the advanced marksmanship course and sniper training in a ceremony here Dec. 1. The students began by learning advanced marksmanship principles using AK-47 rifles before moving into the sniper part of the course, said a Coalition advisor who conducted the training.

"More and more attacks by

insurgents have been by snipers; now we have the opportunity to send our soldiers out to defeat those threats," said Iraqi Army Sergeant First Class Naim, an Advanced Marksmanship Course instructor and NCO-in-charge of Besmaya Range, through an interpreter. Naim attended the sniper course so he would be able to teach the course in the future. "One sniper can stop a battalion. These students are professionals; they are ready for any mission."

The sniper portion of the course is a "train-the-trainer" session, and graduates take their lessons back to home units to train their own prospective snipers. Several students like Naim were already rated as advanced marksmanship instructors at Besmaya and were taking part in the sniper course to eventually take the program over from the Coalition, the advisor said.

"I want to be a professional sniper," said Iraqi Army Sgt. Haida through an interpreter. "In my unit we have sniper rifles, but nobody knows how to use

them. I really believe this training is going to help me in the future. I want to defend my country."

Adding the sniper portion to the course was an easy decision in the eyes of the installation's commander.

"This course is so important," said Iraqi Army Col. Abbas, Besmaya Range's senior officer. "This training will give us many new capabilities. When we attack enemies, we need to have a professional sniper on the roof. If we don't have this, we will not have the power that we need."

Before starting the course, the students had to pass physical fitness, reading and eye tests, Naim said. After that, the students attended classroom lectures about the characteristics of their weapons before heading to the range to "zero," or adjust the weapon's sights to fit each student's handling of the weapon. In order to zero, students fired several shots on target to form a group.

Typical of sniper training, many students did not complete

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*Sgt. Haida
Iraqi Army sniper*

the course and were sent home after failing to complete the grouping portion, said a civilian contractor providing instruction here.

After zeroing, students fired at pop-up targets in a series of evaluations. The course culminated with each student completing a predawn 10-kilometer ruck march where they had to find a good shooting position, eliminate a target and leave the area while remaining undetected by advisors.

"These soldiers that are left demonstrated the ability to hit targets from ranges of 200 to 600 meters using the Romanian PSL sniper rifle; a version of a Russian sniper rifle, on which many former Soviet Bloc countries based the design of their own weapons systems," the advisor said.

Naim said standards for this course were intentionally high, since these students are critical to the future success of other Iraqi military snipers.

"The Iraqi Army really needs this training for snipers," Naim said. "The shooters who graduate from this course will go back to their units to work as instructors for those units."

The course differed from a traditional sniper course in that instructors built the training based on situations relevant to what an Iraqi Army sniper would face in combat.

"When we started this course, we acknowledged the fact that these snipers would be operating in urban environments, so we did not focus on some of the traditional sniper course techniques such as stalking and the construction of ghillie suits [using elements of the natural terrain to provide

natural camouflage for the sniper]," the advisor said. "We instead focused on establishing a good position, breathing and firing techniques and proficiency with the weapon system."

When the training began, the majority of the students did not have much shooting experience beyond what they had learned in basic combat training. Most of them were "your 'average Joes,'" the advisor said.

"A lot of them used 'Kentucky windage and Tennessee elevation' [terms used by shooters to describe firing based on a shooter's tendencies to guess target range by feel rather than by computing the wind direction or elevation prior to engaging the target]," the advisor said. "We also needed to work with them to establish a tight shot group pattern rather than allowing them to 'chase their rounds' without adjusting their sights, since (forming shot groups) was not something that was focused on in the old Warsaw Pact doctrine."

"We fired a lot of rounds," he continued. "With just 19 guys going through this program and many of those washing out, we went through more than 1,800 rounds over the past seven weeks."

According to Naim, the students of the class were grateful to have the chance to take part in the training and are looking forward to getting back to their units.

"I want to be an instructor," said Staff Sgt. Sajid, prior to his completing the final evaluation before officially graduating the course. "I want to protect my country because my country needs me. God willing, I will become one."



An Iraqi sniper student (identity hidden for security reasons) cleans his Romanian PSL sniper rifle. Seven sniper students out of the original 19 students graduated Dec. 1. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson)

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the mission of the 8th Air Force and how I can best support this wing," the chief said. "My impression has been phenomenal; there is a lot of untold story here."

The chief's introduction to the world of high altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance started more than 20 years ago when he was stationed as Osan Air Force Base in South Korea.

"My first exposure to this mission was back in 1981 at Osan, and I was kind of curious what the connection is between Osan and Beale when I was coming here," he said.

Throughout his visit, the chief learned how all the units associated with the 9th RW, such as Osan, work together to provide key intelligence to top decision makers. He also learned how high-altitude ISR has changed over the past 20 years, a subject which he has first-hand experience with.

"All services have changed since the cold war," the chief said. "In my opinion, when that shift occurred, we kind of forgot how we utilize high-altitude ISR and how we can use it."

Since the beginning of the Global War on Terror and Op-

eration Iraqi Freedom, high altitude ISR has been used to retrieve critical intelligence for battle field commanders. This is one practical application, however there is yet another application of ISR that the chief has gained appreciation for, especially in his previous deployment, where he was stationed in the Horn of Africa for a year.

"A lot of what we did there was take information we had to help combat terrorism with a different approach," the chief said. "Instead of kinetic, it was non-kinetic, which is being aware of where projects were, and where we could go as a DOD combined joint task force and effect a change in those conditions that would foster terrorism."

Such non-kinetic forms of combating terror, in Africa, the Middle East, and all over the world, include helping locals improve their quality of life and winning the hearts and minds of the local people.

"We're showing them that we're not the big ugly Americans or the big ugly coalition that they make us out to be; that we're actually helping them with their schools, digging wells, supplying medical

care, and that's showing them conflict with what the terrorists are telling them," the chief said. "That's a different way to combat terrorism, to eliminate those conditions that can foster an extremist ideology."

These methods are important because they not only avoid unnecessary conflict, but also save crucial resources, according to the chief.

"We can spend \$1,000 on a proactive approach that can help foster health and democracy," the chief said. "That's a much better angle than spending \$100,000 or a million or a billion dollars to try to destroy something and then rebuild it."

Non-kinetic methods of war fighting are very important, if not more important than traditional kinetic forms of war fighting, according to the chief. Traditional kinetic forms, which also derive crucial intelligence from high altitude ISR, are still crucial to winning the War on Terror.

"It's easy to see how valuable high altitude ISR is to a combatant commander," the chief said. "It is critical to the marine, soldier, sailor or airman on the ground.

They're fighting an enemy that is hard to kill and capture."

Taking into consideration the challenges today's Airmen face, in the deployed environment and at their home stations, the job at hand has become more difficult than ever, according to the chief. Today's Airmen have risen to that challenge however, making them the best the Air Force has ever seen.

"Today's Airmen have the wherewithal and capabilities that when I came in, only officers had," the chief said. "Each Airman that comes in today is smarter, quicker, faster and needs to be challenged in accordance with their abilities."

Part of what separates today's Airman with those of the past, is that they entered the Air Force with a different mentality, according to the chief.

"They entered basic training with a different mind set, a warrior Airmen mind set that we didn't," the chief said. "Our fight is different, our fight has been evolving and will continue to evolve to meet tomorrow's enemy."

This warrior mentality was especially noticed by the chief at Beale.

"What I've seen already here at Beale is a feeling that we are the best and we're going

to show you that we're the best," the chief said. "Keep being the best. It does matter. What you do every day does have an impact; and I'm thankful that I'm in the Air Force today with our Airmen."

To illustrate what every Airman does is crucial to the mission of the Air Force and to keep them the best Airmen possible, supervisors need to make sure Airmen understand where they fit into the greater mission, according to the chief.

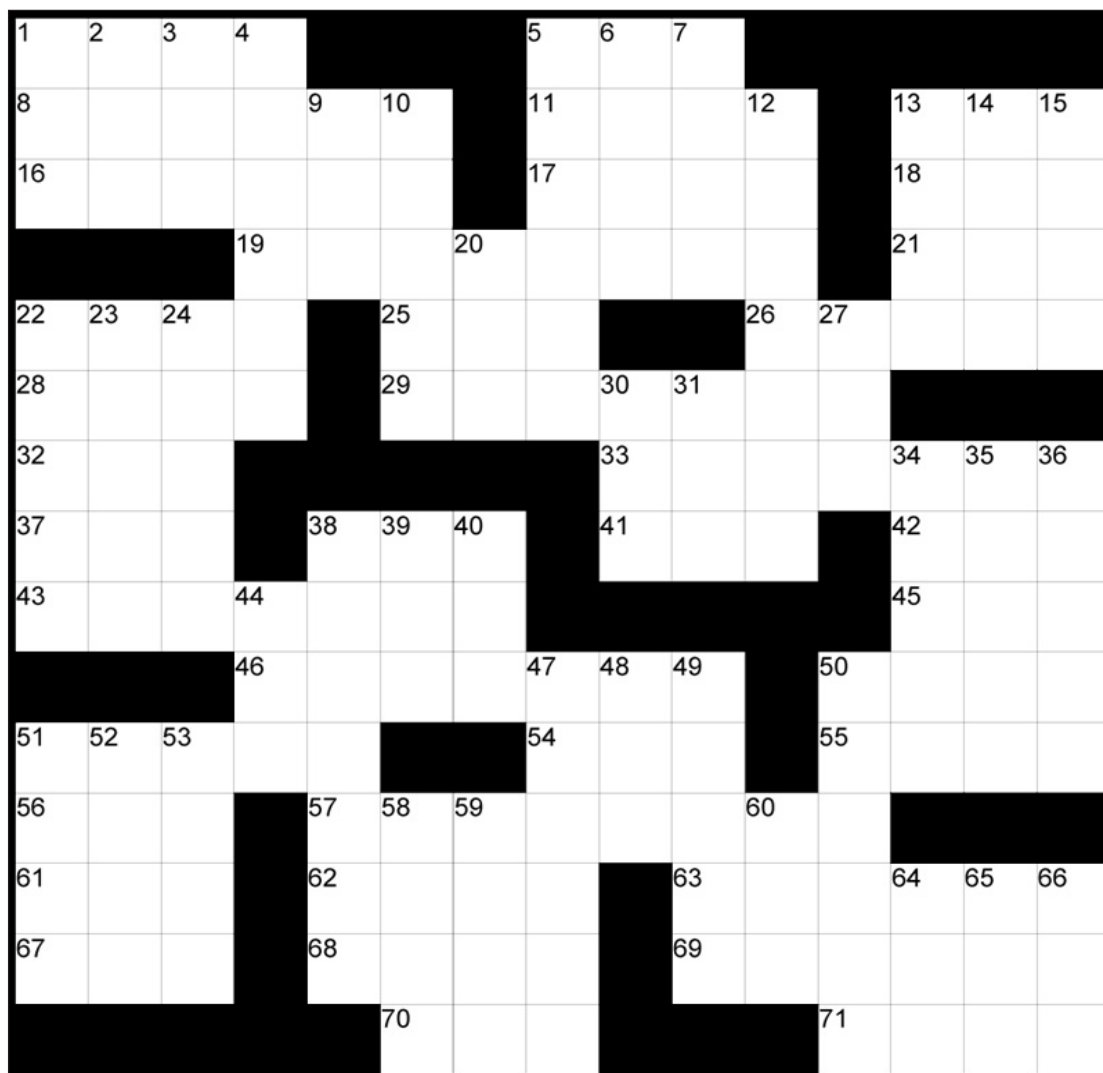
"My top priority is making sure we all know how we support the 8th Air Force mission, which supports the Air Combat Command mission, which supports the mission of the Air Force, which continues to support the mission of the Department of Defense," the chief said. "We need to make sure every Airman can tie their duties into the end mission, which is to keep out homeland safe."

In the end, it's about taking care of the people, like those at Beale, who provide the Air Force with the critical intelligence needed to get the job done, according to the chief.

"It's about people, and that's what it always comes back to, our people as a weapons system," the chief said.



(Left) Chief Master Sgt. Todd Kabalan, 8th Air Force command chief is briefed on the 9th Physiological Support Squadron high-altitude chamber during his recent Beale visit. (Above) Chief Kabalan, sporting the new Airman Battle Uniform, speaks to Airmen Leadership School students. (Photos by John Schwab)

**War Declared**

By Capt Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training
Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. In addition
5. Hawaiian acacia; used for making furniture
8. Second part of 26 ACROSS
11. Hip bones
13. Apex
16. Each
17. Recuperate
18. Lyrical poem
19. Japanese admiral who was architect for "day of infamy"
21. Fish egg
22. Void
25. Outrage
26. Site of "day of infamy;" launched US into WWII
28. Frosted
29. Skills
32. V for Vendetta actor Stephen
33. Form before transporting to building site
37. Tibetan wild ox
38. Possessed
41. Staff
42. Seventh letter of the Arabic alphabet
43. Declassifies
45. Internet provider
46. Looked at briefly
50. Shrek is one
51. Hazy
54. Norma ____

55. Pointed and threaded tools for drilling
56. Paddle
57. Strange
61. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
62. ____ Man
63. Hateful; de-testable
67. Shoveled dirt
68. Ate
69. Japanese admiral who led the attack
70. ____ Vegas
71. Epochs

DOWN

1. An exclamation of triumph
2. A place, environment, or situation of rest or nurture
3. ____ Lanka
4. Complied
5. Pacific Fleet commander during attack
6. Margarine
7. ____ That a Shame
9. South American wood sorrel
10. Transmit or send money to a place
12. Embraced
13. Commanded repeated 3x by Japanese pilots to signal attack
14. Smell
15. Rind
20. Fighting Irish coach Parseghian
22. One of six Japanese carriers to partici-

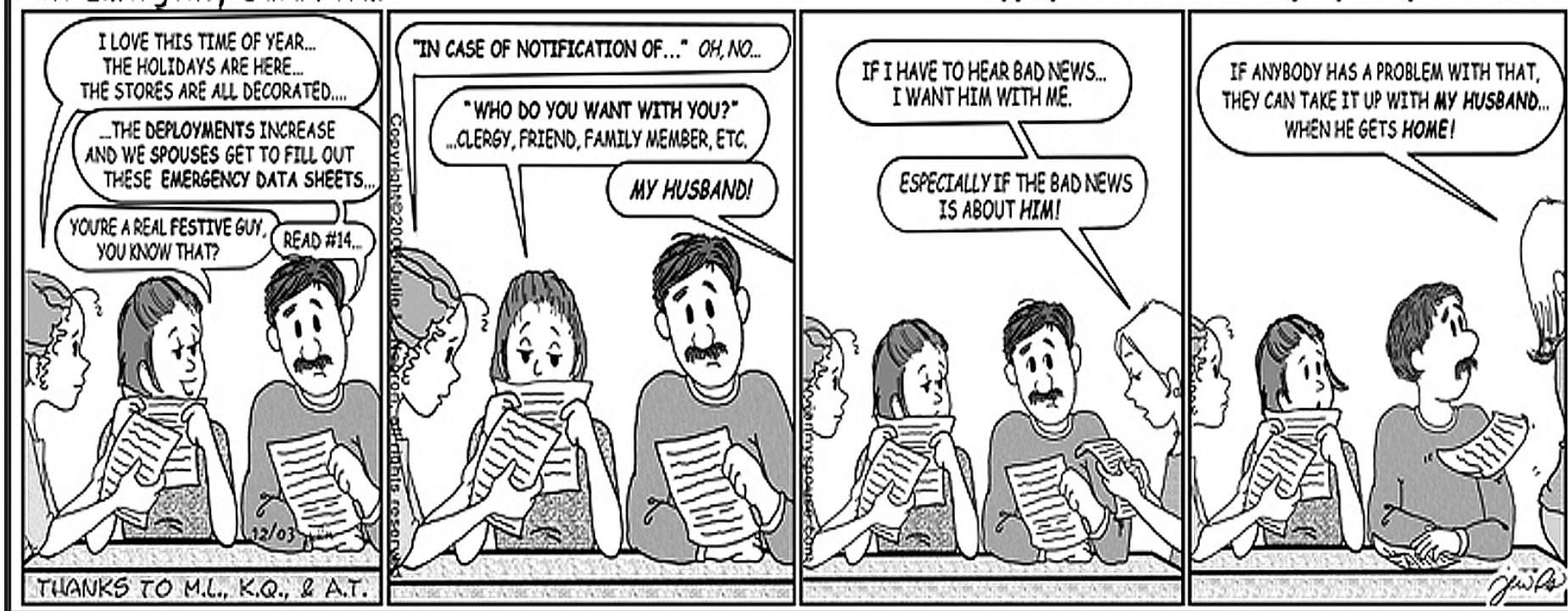
- pate in attack
23. Pacific and Indian
24. Seeps
27. Computer key
30. NCO eval.
31. Org. that designs, builds and operates US recon satellites
34. One of six Japanese carriers to participate in attack
35. Commanding general of the army forces in Hawaii
36. Sagas
38. Lines for hoisting a spar or sail
39. State home to Air University, in brief
40. Mil. Telephone system
44. Breakfast item
47. Hags
48. Hearing tool
49. Fiend
50. Accommodate
51. ____ Island; naval air base attacked by Japanese
52. Island home to site attacked by the Japanese
53. Strong alcoholic drink; served in a bowl during Dining Outs
58. Jail collateral
59. One of Columbus' ships
60. Oklahoma town
64. ____ Town
65. Actress Thurman
66. ... -- ...

Jenny:

Jenny follows the adventures of a young Air Force spouse determined to overcome the challenges of a military lifestyle. Drawn from the real lives of both contributors and the cartoonist, Jenny's experiences reflect the humor, ingenuity, and sheer determination necessary to be successful as the spouse of an active duty military member. For more comics visit <http://www.jennyspouse.com>.

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The Outdoor Adventure Center - Winter Deals Await You

The **Outdoor Adventure Center** invites you to take advantage of the amazing recreation possibilities awaiting you this winter season. Each week OAC offers a **\$10 ski shuttle** to several of the ski resorts which are offering free skiing to active duty. The ski shuttle is open to all civilians, military, dependents and accompanied guests. Let OAC do the driving for you--not only will you save money on gas, but you can relax after a long day of skiing, rather than fighting winter traffic and road hazards!

This year, **Squaw Valley** is once again offering free skiing and boarding to all active duty--7 days a week (excluding black out dates) with a valid military ID. In addition, **Homewood Resort** which is located along the west shore of Lake Tahoe is offering free skiing to all active duty and half price lift tickets to dependents with valid military ID. **Northstar-at-Tahoe** has also jumped on the bandwagon again for 2007 and is offering free skiing to active duty on Sundays. Northstar also offers a brand new **ice skating facility** which is located in the heart of the Village, surrounded by a collection of fire pits and seating areas. This new amenity is ideal for sipping hot chocolate and trading ski stories.

Need additional lift tickets? OAC offers remarkably **discounted lift tickets** to all of the major resorts in the Sierra's and you don't have to be active duty to take advantage of these great values!

Don't have the winter gear you need for some fun in the snow? Stop by OAC where you can not only **rent your skis and snowboards** at drastically discounted rates over what the resorts charge, but you can even rent a ski jacket,

snow bibs, helmets and lots more!

Even greater values are awaiting you at the Outdoor Adventures **retail shop**. OAC sells some of the top brands and gear available, all at **50% off** what you would pay off base--Uvex goggles & helmets, Columbia ski jackets and accessories, ski pants, Grandoe gloves, Life is Good products, plus ski socks, sunglasses, apparel, hydration and backpacks and so much more!

The OAC also has its own **full service ski shop** with great prices on ski and snowboard repairs. A ski tune-up is only \$25 and \$30 for a snowboard. They offer edging and

waxing, binding, base repairing, core repairing, boot drying and more.

Don't forget to stop by OAC's **Ski Chalet** and get pre-fitted for your winter gear which will save you time when you are in a hurry. For your convenience, OAC stays open Fridays until 5:30 and **now opens Saturday** mornings at 0800, so that you can pick up your gear and be one of the first to hit the slopes! Great weekend rental rates will save you time and money while supporting the services located on Base! For more information on OAC's upcoming ski excursions or fun snow days call **634-2054**.

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*Return times are estimated dependent upon weather and traffic conditions.

Snow Play & Tubing Day

Dec 16th / 9:00 AM-4:00 PM • Cost: \$12 • Sign by: 12/13

Join the OAC for a full day of sledding and playing in the snow. OAC will supply the sleds, saucers, hot cocoa, and chilidogs for lunch. Bring the kids and enjoy a round of snowball fights, build a snowman, or create your own concoction of fun in the snow. Ski attire, kid's boots and additional equipment (x-country skis, snowshoes, etc.) are available for rent at OAC at a discounted rate for trip participants.

Cornish Christmas in Grass Valley

Dec 15th / 5:30 PM-9:30 PM • Cost: \$5 • Sign by: 12/13

Celebrate the holiday season with a trip to historic Grass Valley's annual celebration. The downtown area is blocked off and is transformed a turn-of-the-century setting. Spend the evening enjoying the sights and sounds of holiday music, wine tasting, horse drawn wagons, musicians Santa Clause and more! This inexpensive trip is sure to add some holiday spirit.



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Sign up: December 8th

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December 27th 10:00 am • Open to all ages

Round up your friends to make a 4-person team. Teams will solve clues and receive items from various locations on base. The first two teams to return to the Community Center with all items and no speeding tickets will win a **great prize!**

>> Sign up deadline December 22nd <<

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Arts and Crafts specials during Project CHEER

The Arts & Crafts Center's mission to provide top-notch customer service continues. For the holidays they are offering several great gift ideas including wooden clocks in many styles, jewelry boxes, coin racks, pen & pencil sets and matted frames. They carry a variety of unique shadowboxes and flag boxes too. You can have anyone of these gifts or your own gift personalized by embroidery or engraving. The Arts & Craft Center is very much involved with Project CHEER, they offers many specials and discounts for you to take advantage of during the Holiday Season.

The Arts & Crafts Center is also offering **Self Help Framing Classes** as well as an expanding engraving shop. The **Engraving Shop** has a sand etcher which enables them to personalize stainless steel items, glassware and wedding service pieces, to include wine bottles and glasses. The possibilities are endless.

A Self Help Framing Class has been added on the second Tuesday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m., which costs \$30 per person. Payment is required at time of registration. In addition to the framing class, the Frame Shop continues to provide professional custom framing at affordable prices.

Arts & Crafts Center is located at the corner of A Street and Warren Shingle. Stop by for a visit and their knowledgeable staff will show you what's new. If you have questions about their services give them a call at 634-2294.

Cookie connoisseurs - bring your best recipe and compete

Two of Team Beale's spouses were recently presented their trophies for winning 1st place in their category for the 2006 ACC **Colossal Cookie Challenge**. The winners were Dawn Swick, Cookie Makers Special category and Michelle Elliot, Healthy Cookies category. The next Colossal Cookie Challenge is 12 Dec at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. Enter your favorite cookie recipes for a chance to win at Air Force level just like Dawn and Michelle did. The categories are; Holiday, or Special Occasion, No Bake, Healthy Cookies and Cookie Maker Special. Contestants are asked to make 2 dozen cookies. After judging, there will be an opportunity for tasting. Call 634-3140 to sign up by 8 Dec.

The **Airmen Cookie Crunch** is a community project to bring a "little bit of home" to the Airmen living in the dorms. It is sponsored by the Beale Family Community with the Beale Officers' Spouses' Club and the First Sergeants' Association.

On-Going Project CHEER Specials

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AIRMEN COOKIE CRUNCH

Who: Beale Community we need YOU!

When: Friday Dec 15 - Drop off donations between 6:30 - 8:30am. We will have runners so you don't have to get out of your car.

What: Bring cookies or holiday candy in disposable containers (cookies will be re-packaged for delivery to the dorms)

Where: To the Contrails Inn Dining Facility (across from USPS)

Why: To give a box of cookies to each Airmen living in the dorms.



Cookie Makers Special winner Dawn Swick with her delicious Magic Cookie Bars (left). Michelle Elliot won the Healthy Cookie category, shown with James Buck, CC Director (right).



Having fun is only part of it.

The more events you attend increases your chances of winning some great prizes!

On-Going Events

Colossal Cookie Challenge

Dec 12th • 6:00 pm • Sign up by 12/8 • Free
 Enter your favorite cookie in this annual cookie contest. Prizes will be awarded in specific categories. Winning recipes will be submitted to the ACC competition where those winners will compete at the Air Force level.

Community Center • 634-3140

Family Night- Happy Holidays

Dec 13th • 5:00-7:30 pm • Games Music & Buffet
 Free to members, \$2 non-mem, kids under 10 FREE! Santa and his little helpers will be here to help celebrate.

Recce Point Club • 634-4948

Ginger-Bread House Contest

Dec 13th • 3:30-5:30 pm • Ages 9-18 FREE mems, \$1 non-mems.
 Who can make the yummiest house? Bring your creativity.

Youth Center • 634-4953

Story Time With Crafts

Dec 13th • Attend this event with a chance to win a \$25 AAFES gift certificate.

Hub Zemke Library • 634-2314

Texas Hold'em

Dec 14th • 5:30 pm • \$5 members, \$10 non-members
 Grand prize is a buy-in to Colusa Casino Poker Tourney. 4th, 5th & 6th places receive a FREE video poker player!

Recce Point Club • 634-4948

Jingle Ball Holiday Dance

Dec 15th • 6:30-9:30 pm • \$3 members, \$5 non-members
 Ages 9-12. Tweens have a festive evening of dancing.

Youth Center • 634-4953

An Evening at Cornish Christmas

Dec 15th • 5:30-9:30 pm • \$5 Transportation only
 Sign up deadline 12/13. Grass Valley's downtown area is transformed into a turn-of-the-century setting. This inexpensive trip that is sure to add some holiday spirit!

Outdoor Adventure Center • 634-2054

Airmen Basketball Tournament

Dec 16th • 9:00 am • E1-E4 & E5-E9 Trophies, Giveaways.
 Drawing for a FREE massage & 3-day personal training!

Harris Fitness Center • 634-2258

PLUS MANY MORE EVENTS

Call Marketing at 634-5407 for information